THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Orders already exist for awarding of punishments to railway staff found responsible for train accidents. The quantum of punishment imposed is based on the gravity and seriousness of the lapse committed in each accidents. The total number of accidents during the last three years and the number of staff found responsible and punished for such accidents are as under:—

Year	No. of Accidents	No. of accidents in which staff were found responsible	No. of staff punished
1992-93	524	363	811
1993-94	520	358	1047
1994-95	501	329*	847@

*Figure is provisional

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(d) The railways view each accident seriously. The areas requiring attention are attended to with a view to prevent recurrence of such accidents.

(i) Nearly 17,000 drivers with less than 10 years active driving service and 40,000 station staff have been subjected to special screening and given crash training.

(ii) Two high level safety teams have been making extensive spot checks and inspections of field installations and practices.

(iii) Stringent penalty to the extent of dismissal or removal from service is being imposed on staff causing serious train accidents.

(iv) Elimination of collision has been made one of the mission areas for the General Managers of the Indian Railways.

(v) Instant Action Groups have been formed on certain dominated trains to check entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches and persons carrying inflammable|explosive material.

(vi) Carriage and wagon examination of rolling stock has been strengthened ad rationalised.

(vii) Track circuiting works on Rajdhani and Shatabdi routes speeded up.

(viii) Overdue track renewals on all important routes are being liquidated.

(ix) Regular inspections are carried out by Officers, inspectors and supervisors to ensure that the staff follow the correct rules and procedures.

(x) Modern safety aids like track circuiting, panel interlocking, axle counters, etc. have been provided to improve safety.

Sale of Railway Ticket through private agents

3764. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to engage private agents to sell railway tickets as in the airlines;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to simplify the sale of railway tickets at crowded railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Presumably the demand is for authorising private agents to issue computerised reservation tickets to the passengers for which no decision has been taken so far.

(c) In order to ensure easy availability of tickets to the passengers, Railways have taken the following steps:—

(i) opening of additional booking windows.

(ii) extension of working hours of the existing booking counters in a need-based manner.

(iii) provision of Self Printing Ticket Machines.

Drive against travel in SC Railway

3765. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any drive was conducted by South Central Railway in 1994-95 to curb ticketless travel;

(b) if so, what were the collections in this regard in 1994-95;

(c) whether any division-wise figures have been maintained for such collection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) In order to curb ticketless travel, South Central Railway had conducted 3.44 lakhs checks during 1994-95 and Rs. 5.94 crores were realised as fare and penalty.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The amount realised division-wise is as under:—

(Figures in crore)

Division	Amount (Rs.)
Secunderabad	1.29
Hyderabad	0.54
Vijayawada	1.59
Hubli	0.56
Guntakal	1.30
TOTAL:	5.28
Headquarter	
Flying Squad	0.66
GRAND TOTAL:	5.94

Inadequate supply of wagons to CIL

3766. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wagons supplied by Railways to Coal India Limited are inadequate *vis-a-vis* their demand;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of wagons supplied by Railways during the years 1990-91 to 1994-95 and the demand of CIL during this period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No Sir. The supply of railway wagons has been maintained at a satisfactory level.